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AGENCY

an AHRA conference on agency in architecture
organised by the School of Architecture, The University of Sheffield
13th/14th/15th November 2008

Keynotes: Teddy Cruz / John Jordan / Leslie Kanes Weisman

Workshops: AnArchitektur / Mathias Heyden / John Jordan / Leslie Kanes Weisman / public works / Meike Schalk + Apolonija Sustersic / Dougal Sheridan

Speakers: Adam Sharr Cardiff / **The Agency** Sheffield / **Amy Gilley** Blacksburg / **Ana Paula Baltazar And Silke Kapp** Belo Horizonte / **Andrea Wheeler** Nottingham / **Andrew Powell** London / **Celine Condorelli and Andreas Lang** London / **Charles Walker** Auckland / **Cristian Suau, Katarina Mrkonjic and Fernando Ayala** Cardiff / **Dana Vais** Cluj-Napoca / **Daniele Vadala** Messina / **Darren R. Deane** Nottingham / **Flora Samuel + students from Bath Bath** / **Georgeen Theodore** Newark / **Gerry Adler** Canterbury / **Gordana Fontana-Giusti** Canterbury / **Graham Livesey** Calgary / **Helen Mallinson** London / **Helena Mattsson** Stockholm / **Ines Weizman** London / **Jianfei Zhu** Melbourne / **Jon Goodbun** London / **Karin Jaschke** Brighton / **Lisbet Harboe** Oslo / **Maria Theodorou** Athens / **Mark Dorrian** Edinburgh / **Mason White and Lola Sheppard** Toronto / **Megan Evans** Melbourne / **Meike Schalk and Apolonija Sustersic** Stockholm / **Adam Cowley-Evans and Melina Giannakis** Plymouth / **Mick O'Kelly** Dublin / **Paul Emmons** Blacksburg / **Phoebe Crisman** Charlottesville / **Priscilla Nogueira** Belo Horizonte / **Richard Coyne** Edinburgh / **Richard Lister and Thomas Nemeskeri** Toronto / **Richard W. Hayes** New York / **Sam Vardy** Sheffield / **Socrates Stratis** Nicosia / **Soumyen Bandyopadhyay** Nottingham / **Stefan White** Manchester / **Stephen Cairns** Edinburgh / **Steven Thompson** Blacksburg / **Supitcha Tovivich** London / **Susanne Schnorbusch** Berlin / **Tahl Kaminer** Delft / **Victoria Watson** London / **Wanda Dye** Arlington / **Wiwik D Pratiwi and Dhian Damajani** Bandung

While the potential of agency is most frequently taken to be the power and freedom to act for oneself, for the architectural and architectural research community this also involves the power and responsibility to act as intermediaries on behalf of others. The conference will focus on two key areas where questions concerning the relationships between architecture and agency are particularly significant: the particular possibilities of architectural praxis, and the big social and political questions of our age concerning the survival of the environment. AGENCY will attempt to energise these relationships by exploring these questions, and will specifically address the role of architectural humanities research as an agency of transformation.

The event will be accompanied by the exhibition opening of **Community Design. Involvement and Architecture in the US since 1963** (a project by **AnArchitektur** and **Mathias Heyden**); the exhibition opening and book launch of **Urban Act (PEPRAV / aaa)**; the exhibition **Design with research in mind (Bureau - design+research (BDR))**; the exhibition **If I could redesign London I would.....** by **Sarah Wigglesworth**; material from the **Interdependence Day Project** by **Renata Tysczuk**; a presentation by **Dougal Sheridan** of the exhibition **How Yellow is Manchester?**; the launch of **field: a free journal for architecture** and **The Agency**.

AGENCY is a production of **The Agency**, a research group at the School of Architecture, The University of Sheffield. **The Agency** conducts transformative research into architectural practice and education.

AGENCY is the 5th International Conference of the Architectural Humanities Research Association (AHRA).

The conference will be held at the School of Architecture, ICOSS, the Richard Roberts Building and the Humanities Research Institute, The University of Sheffield. Workshops will run on Thursday 13th November from 2.00pm to 5.00pm. The conference will run from 9.00am on Friday 14th November to 5.00pm on Saturday 15th November.

For information about how to register, a full programme and updates on all events visit <http://www.agency-conference.info/> or contact ahra08@sheffield.ac.uk

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